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REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF PROJECTED TRIP TO "SMYRNA" BY "ARSENIJ"

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1583

12 Nov. 1944

To VIKTOR[1].

Your No. 5239[11]. The General[111] [C. refuses to cancel] ARSENIJ's[iv] mission to SMYRNA[v]. [C. He gives as his reason] the lack of a man

[53 groups unrecoverable]

by[a]EV[b]. (We asked VADIM[vi] to check whether it really was an order of the COMBINE [KOMBINAT][vii]). [He][c] is agreeable to the cancellation of A.'s[viii] trip only on Comrade MIKOYAN's[ix] instructions. Please come to an agreement with IL'ICHEV[x] and SEMICHASNYJ[xi] about cancelling A.'s trip and giving the General instructions.

According to the General, the last batch of aircraft is being taken over at A.'s plant, after which the representatives of the STORE [MAGAZIN][xii] will have nothing to do there. There is being organised at the STORE a new group of technical engineers, in charge of which the General wishes to place A.. We have discussed this rearrangement. We trust that our and the NEIGHBOURS'[xiii] interests in this group will be regulated. Telegraph reply without fail before A.'s departure - by 24th November.

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[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] Or 'with'.

[b] First part of name unrecoverable. Possibly it should be IL'ICHEV, mentioned later in the message.

[c] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] Presumably General Leonid RUDEIKO, Chairman of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the U.S....

[iv] ARSENIJ: Andrej Ivanovich SHEVCHENKO, Soviet Purchasing Commission representative at Bell Aircraft Corporation.

[v] SMIRNA: MOSCOW.

[vi] VLADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, MOB resident in WASHINGTON, D.C.

[vii] KOMBINAT: the People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade [NKVT].

[viii] A.: i.e. ARSENIJ.

[ix] MIKOYAN was People's Commissar for Foreign Trade at this time.

[x] Probably Aleksandr Fedorovich IL'ICHEV, Chief Accountant, MASHINOIMPORT, People's Commissariat for Foreign Trade.

[xi] Probably an error for SEMICHAISTNOV. Major-General Ivan Fedorovich SEMICHAISTNOV was Deputy People's Commissar for Foreign Trade.

[xii] KOMBINAT: the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the U.S....

[xiii] I.e. the GRU.

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